

Toole County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

School Age	American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone	Black Alone	Alone	Islander Alone				
5 to 9	Total Female	Total Female	14	8	2	1	11	5
10 to 14	285	132	2	1	2	1	6	2
15 to 19	335	156	0	0	14	8	14	9
20 to 24	391	193	1	0	10	4	7	5
Total	322	133	2	1	17	1	7	1
	1,333	614	5	2	55	21	39	20
					9	7	32	12

Working Age	American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone	Black Alone	Alone	Islander Alone				
15+	4,097	1,967	12	1	182	61	17	12
15-64	3,318	1,528	12	1	174	56	15	11
20+	3,706	1,774	11	1	172	57	16	11
20-64	2,927	1,335	11	1	164	52	14	10
							56	18
							56	16

Other Age Group	American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone	Black Alone	Alone	Islander Alone				
0 to 4	269	133	0	0	9	3	0	0
5 to 19	1,011	481	3	1	38	20	8	6
20 to 44	1,572	716	8	1	122	31	12	8
45 to 64	1,355	619	3	0	42	21	2	2
65+	779	439	0	0	8	5	2	1
Total	4,986	2,388	14	2	219	80	24	17
							94	40
							83	30

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

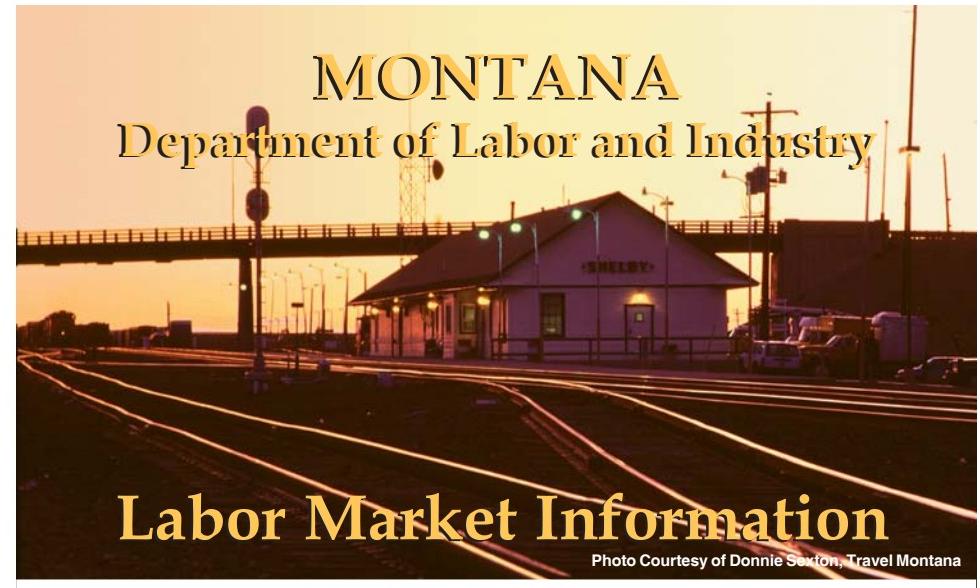
Top 10 Private Employers in Toole County Listed in Alphabetical Order

Albertson's	Marias Healthcare
CCA Correctional Facility	Northern Vending Inc.
Dick Irvin Inc.	Pamida
First State Bank	Shelby Country Skillet
Fritz A UPS Company	Shelby Distributors

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.

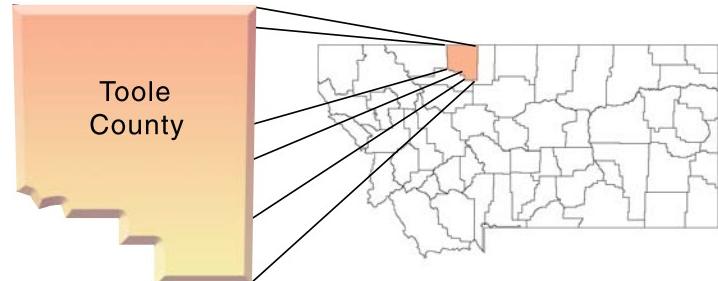
Third Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.



Labor Market Information
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For Toole County



Cities and Towns in Toole County

Devon ■ Dunkirk ■ Ethridge ■ Ferdig
Galata ■ Kevin ■ Oilmont
Shelby ■ Sunburst ■ Sweetgrass



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Located in northern Montana, Toole County is Montana's 34th most populous with 5,094 residents, according to the 2004 Census Bureau estimates. Shelby, the county seat, is the state's 24th largest city with a population of 3,306, according to the 2003 Census Bureau estimates.

The Port of Sweetgrass, 35 miles north of Shelby, is the major port of entry on the Alaska-Canada highway. It's the busiest port between eastern Washington and central North Dakota. As homeland security continues to be a focal point, federal employment for monitoring the border will remain strong. Overall, government employment is one-third of the total county employment. (See Employment by Industry table inside.)

Oil and gas extraction and other mining activities also provide strong employment with about 11 percent of total private wages. Fritz, a UPS business, helps boost the transportation and warehousing employment to make it one of the top private industry sectors.

Agriculture is also important to the area's economy. Toole County is eighth in Montana for the largest number of oilseed and grain farms: 200 (see table on the right). The grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas category is the number two agricultural industry in Montana in terms of sales and revenues, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Toole County households in 2002 was \$29,338, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income is the average per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

Toole County, established in 1914, is named for Joseph K. Toole, Montana's first governor. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, Shelby was named for Peter Shelby, a railroad executive. The authors add it became a wild boom town after the Kevin-Sunburst oil field was discovered in 1920.

Toole County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004	7/1/2003	7/1/2002	4/1/2000	4/1/1990	Percent Change				
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Census	Census	2003-2004	2002-2003	2000-2004	2000-2003	1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Toole	5,094	5,142	5,258	5,267	5,046	-0.9%	-2.2%	-3.3%	-2.4%	4.4%
Kevin	NA	177	185	178	190	NA	-4.3%	NA	3.9%	-6.3%
Shelby	NA	3,306	3,304	3,216	2,763	NA	0.1%	NA	2.7%	16.4%
Sunburst	NA	413	431	415	444	NA	-4.2%	NA	3.9%	-6.5%

Toole County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	405
Oilseed & Grain Farming	200
Vegetable & Melon Farming	0
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	0
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	0
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	110
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	56
Cattle Feedlots	3
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	0
Hog & Pig Farming	1
Poultry & Egg Production	3
Sheep & Goat Farming	6
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	26

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

2000 Toole County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Toole County	County of Work	# Who Live in Toole County
Broadwater County	2	Out of State	41
Cascade County	41	Cascade County	15
Flathead County	30	Fallon County	6
Glacier County	117	Fergus County	4
Hill County	2	Flathead County	3
Jefferson County	2	Glacier County	56
Liberty County	21	Hill County	2
Missoula County	6	Lewis & Clark County	4
Phillips County	2	Liberty County	26
Pondera County	111	Mineral County	5
Sheridan County	4	Missoula County	7
Silver Bow County	7	Phillips County	5
Sweet Grass County	3	Pondera County	35
Teton County	8	Teton County	10
Toole County	2,016	Toole County	2,016
		Yellowstone County	4

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.



Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



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Be sure to check our location quotients for Toole County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Toole County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient generally greater than 1 indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Toole County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Toole County than in the nation as a whole.

Resources

Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at <http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

Chamber of Commerce:

Shelby Area Chamber, 102 Main St., Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-7184,
<http://www.homestead.com/shelbychamber/>

Department of Labor and Industry:

Shelby Job Service Workforce Center
1125 Oilfield Ave., Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-5161, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/shelby/>

Economic Development:

Northern Express Transportation Authority, 112 1st St. S., Shelby, MT 59474,
406-434-5203

Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>.
For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Ethridge, Galata, Kevin, Oilmont, Shelby, Sunburst and Sweetgrass, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Shelby—226 1st St. S., 406-424-8350

Newspapers:

Shelby Promoter, P. O. Box 610, Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-5171,
http://www.goldentrianglenews.com/shelby_promoter/

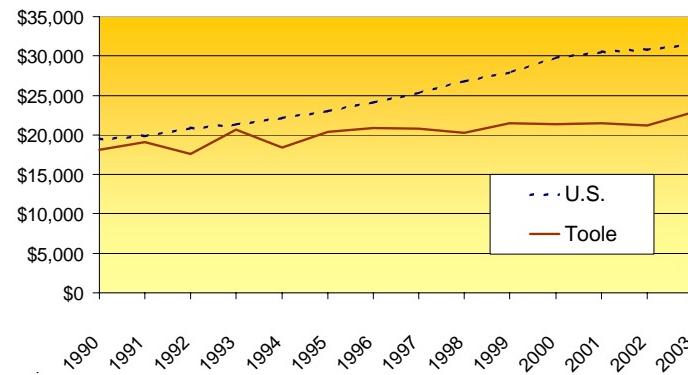
Toole County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2004	2,974	2,902	72	2.4%
2003	2,917	2,842	75	2.6%
2002	2,727	2,655	72	2.6%
2001	2,754	2,681	73	2.7%
2000	2,892	2,794	98	3.4%

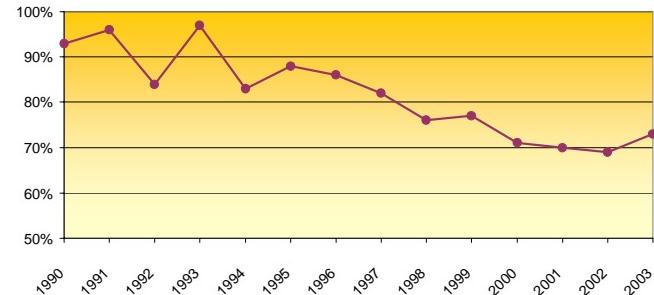
Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

Toole County Per Capita Personal Income

Per Capita Personal Income



Percent of National Average



Public Libraries:

Toole County Library, 229 2nd Ave. S., Shelby, MT 59474, 406-424-8345
 North Toole County Library, 201 First St. N., Sunburst, MT 59482, 406-937-6980

Toole County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Galata Elementary, P. O. Box 76, Galata, MT 59444, 406-432-2155
 Shelby Public Schools, 1010 Oilfield Ave., Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-2622
 Sunburst K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 710, Sunburst, MT 59482, 406-937-2811

Toole County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2003

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	266	2,014	\$50,205,848
TOTAL PRIVATE	224	1,357	\$31,913,266
MINING	25	114	\$3,413,936
Oil & Gas Extraction	19	68	\$1,966,377
Support Activities for Mining	6	46	\$1,447,559
UTILITIES	3	31	\$1,375,314
CONSTRUCTION	16	47	\$1,288,559
Specialty Trade Contractors	10	25	\$723,181
MANUFACTURING	6	28	\$717,815
WHOLESALE TRADE	19	111	\$3,113,567
RETAIL TRADE	26	204	\$3,630,585
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4	18	\$427,917
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	4	26	\$397,716
Food & Beverage Stores	4	45	\$823,531
Gasoline Stations	4	39	\$532,628
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	3	21	\$241,005
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	18	178	\$5,492,804
Support Activities for Transportation	10	112	\$3,045,078
INFORMATION	5	42	\$981,151
FINANCE & INSURANCE	8	60	\$1,739,080
Credit Intermediation & Related Activity	4	44	\$1,335,555
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	4	16	\$403,525
REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	6	9	\$271,184
PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	17	39	\$846,758
PRIVATE HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	19	81	\$2,055,569
Ambulatory Health Care Services	13	57	\$1,649,369
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, & RECREATION	6	78	\$1,910,368
ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	28	163	\$1,485,553
Accommodation	3	28	\$249,763
Food Services & Drinking Places	25	135	\$1,235,790
OTHER SERVICES	15	27	\$338,007
Repair & Maintenance	5	6	\$127,434
Membership Associations & Organizations	8	18	\$139,322
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42	657	\$18,292,582
Local Government	17	504	\$10,922,433
State Government	11	37	\$1,327,066
Federal Government	14	116	\$6,043,083

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) *This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.

Year	U.S.	Toole County	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Toole County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$22,853	73%	1996	\$24,175	\$20,899	86%
2002	\$30,804	\$21,179	69%	1995	\$23,076	\$20,415	88%
2001	\$30,575	\$21,478	70%	1994	\$22,172	\$18,373	83%
2000	\$29,847	\$21,331	71%	1993	\$21,346	\$20,709	97%
1999	\$27,939	\$21,516	77%	1992	\$20,854	\$17,597	84%
1998	\$26,883	\$20,318	76%	1991	\$19,892	\$19,095	96%
1997	\$25,334	\$20,753	82%	1990	\$19,477	\$18,066	93%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender

2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data

Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Toole County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	2,280	1,202	1,078
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	692	408	284
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	393	292	101
Management, except farmers and farm managers	135	77	58
Farmers and farm managers	196	176	20
Business and financial operations occupations:	62	39	23
<i>Professional and related occupations:</i>	299	116	183
Education, training, and library occupations	145	32	113
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	83	24	59
<i>Service occupations:</i>	554	208	346
Protective service occupations:	125	75	50
Food preparation and serving related occupations	168	61	107
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	109	54	55
Personal care and service occupations	67	5	62
<i>Sales and office occupations:</i>	541	142	399
Sales and related occupations	179	90	89
Office and administrative support occupations	362	52	310
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	71	57	14
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	206	206	0
Construction and extraction occupations:	106	106	0
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	100	100	0
<i>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</i>	216	181	35
Production occupations	60	45	15
Motor vehicle operators	96	83	13
Material moving workers	45	41	4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, www.census.gov/eeo 2001.

